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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: A SERIOUS SET-BACK IN THE MIDDLE EAST

1. "THERE CAN BE NO REAL PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL ISRAEL FINALLY ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES", ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT EDITOR NTOTO WAKU IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA APRIL 8. HE DEPLORES ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD NEVER SIGN AN AGREEMENT INVOLVING THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ITS FORCES TO THE 1967 BORDERS.

2. "UNLESS THERE ARE SERIOUS MISTAKES IN OUR APPRAISAL OF THE PROBLEM", SAYS THE EDITOR, "WE FIND THAT CHANCES FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED---UNLESS THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT CHANGES ITS MIND ON THE QUESTION OF THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND ON THE ISSUE OF THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION". COMMENTARY CLOSES BY ASKING WHETHER ISRAEL CAN CHANGE WITHOUT "INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURE OR DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE FROM THE U.S.?" ITEM.
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